Dewan's reply.—(After consulting the Deputy Commissioner) for sites for new houses, you must seek elsewhere. If possible, the upland called the Ratnagiri borey should be commanded by the proposed water works, and made available for building new houses thereon. For the sanitation of existing houses, arrangements will be made for throwing back wet cultivation and having a belt of untilled ground all round. A detailed report of the necessary measures will be called for from the Deputy Commissioner.

Subject No. 39.

1st Class Magistrate for Koppa Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—A 1st Class Magistrate is required for Koppa Taluk. At present the local Magistrate is the Amildar with 2nd Class powers, and cases not cognizable by him have to be taken all the way to Chikmagalur. Public convenience will be promoted by a 1st Class Magistrate being stationed on the spot.

Dewan's reply.—We cannot now afford one.

Subject No. 40.

Supari garden assessment should be reduced rather than merely abolishing Sayer.

Summary of discussion.—Complaints have often been submitted to Government that the land assessment on supari gardens and the halat on supari press heavily on the cultivation of supari. A special officer was deputed to inquire and the result of his inquiries is under the consideration of Government. It is submitted that to abolish the halat and have the high assessment untouched would not afford relief to the owners of supari gardens. Such a measure would help the supari trader and not the supari grower.

Dewan's reply.—The subject will be considered in all its bearings.

Subject No. 41.

Rights of under tenants should be non-transferable.

Summary of discussion.—The practice of Shikmi Sagavalidars transferring by sale their rights to cultivate which they have obtained from Khatedars should be prevented. The Shikmi tenure is held under what is commonly called a "Mulageni karar."

Dewan's reply.—Legislation seems unnecessary. The granters of leases are competent to impose the necessary obligations on the part of sub-lessees.

Subject No. 42.

Bridge required across the Bhadra river at Tadasa.

Summary of discussion.—The Bhadra river should be bridged at Tadasa. Supari traffic is heavier on this (the Tarikere-Yadahalli) road than on the Balehonnur road. Consideration of a bridge at Tadasa when the Hariharpur and Balehonnur bridges would be complete, was promised. These bridges are now near completion. For want of a bridge at Tadasa, the river has to be crossed in Sangadas and boats.

Dewan's reply.—Noted for consideration in the Public Works Department.